



The Rotary Club of Narooma Inc. Bulletin

JACK'S JOURNAL

Thick-headed with a cold, I wasn't in very good form last week. Denser than usual, you might say.

Thanks to Jeremy for arranging the buffet dinner - a nice change from the usual. Any comments, critical or otherwise, will be welcome. Perhaps we should have a buffet whenever appropriate.

After dinner, goals of the club in the long range (3-5 years) and for the year ahead were considered together with plans for their achievement. Chairpersons of committees each presented their piece and took note of comments and suggestions made by members. Thus we have set our course for the year subject to ratification by the Board and review as the year goes on. I thank everyone for their input to this process.

During this exercise a lot of acronyms were used and I'm afraid they must have left our newer members puzzled. If the District Directory is not available for distribution this week, acronym lists will be provided to those members not yet familiar with FAIM, NYSF, RIPPR, YARN and so on.

The week past featured Christmas in July - a magnificent feast hosted by Pam who was ably supported by Micki, Ian and a willing band of cooks and bottle washers. Our heartfelt thanks to Pam for undertaking this, especially as the event is a fundraiser for club administration.

Yours in Rotary fellowship,

Jack

RI President
John Kenny

9710 DG
Michael Pedler

President
Jack Wightman

Secretary
Paul Smith

Treasurer
John Messner

Apologies and additional guests to Phil Gaffney the Tuesday before the meeting on 44765547 or you will be charged for your meal.

"VIETNAM THEN AND NOW" BY A WELL KNOWN ROTARY PERSONALITY.

DUTIES

TASK	9 July	16 July	23 July
Wheel	Chris O'Brien	Paul Smith	Ian Thomlinson
Cashier	Paul Smith	Ian Thomlinson	John Messner
Thanks	Ian Thomlinson	John Messner	Rody Byrne
3-minute talk	Rody Byrne	Tim & Georgina	Tony Fahey
FINES	Heads & Tails	Tony Fahey	Ted Bladwell
Introduction	Tony Fahey	Ted Bladwell	Bob Aston

MEETING CALENDAR

9 July	"Vietnam Then and Now" by a well known Rotary personality. "Rody Byrne" by himself.
16 July	Board Meeting Tim Davis and Georgina Faccetti (3-minute talks)
23 July	Barbra Williams of Alzheimer's Australia NSW
30 July	Derek Anderson on Prostate Cancer

OTHER ACTIVITIES

26 July	Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval
2 – 4 October	Great Southern Blues Festival
23 – 25 October	District 9710 Conference at Cooma

THE FOUNDATION THOUGHT – THANKS TO MARILYN

"This year our Club is aiming to raise \$2500 (US) for The Rotary Foundation - Rotary's own charity. \$1500 of this will go towards the Annual Programs Fund which is the primary source of support for programs in more than 160 countries. Last week we got our year off to a very good start with A\$80 raised at the meeting. This could purchase about 10 insecticide-treated bed nets to halt the spread of malaria in Timor-Leste. When you consider that malaria is one of the major killer diseases in the world even this little bit of financial support can make a significant impact on the lives of at least ten families. Well done everyone! We are off to a good start. Let's see if we can sustain the effort. Remember that you can make a donation when you pay for your meal, which will be credited to you individually, or you can donate to the foundation box as it is sent around the table at dinner. Or you can do both!"

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Last week we had apologies from Ted and Paul, with Max and Tony on leave. Laurelle gave a quick fine session on the Council's new Plan and George won the wine again (Anne was very pleased)

We were fortunate to have Tamara Kenny and her mother Donna with us. Tamara gave a very informative talk on her resent RYPEN experiences.

Also at the meeting we farewelled Katja who leaves on Tuesday to return home after what seems like only a few weeks – it is hard to believe that she has been with us for two weeks short of a full year. We wish Katja all the best for the future.

Following the formal part of the meeting members got down to the nitty gritty of discussing the Club's plan for the year ahead.

On Sunday we got down to Christmas dinner in July at Pam's place – once again a wonderful celebration. Thanks to Pam and her helpers for putting a great show.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

Tonight we toast the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch Littleton, Colorado, USA D5450. The Club meets at Lone Tree Golf Club

It was chartered 1985 and has 49 members

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Induction Anniversaries

Kevin Young was inducted into the Club on 11 July 1959 **50 years!** Congratulations!!

TED'S LAST WORD

I have been unable to express my appreciation to Laurelle for her help and assistance to me over the past year as President.

Her advice and suggestions have been (mostly) welcomed and her attention to detail is really commendable. Narooma Rotary is very fortunate to have someone as able as Laurelle. Her commitment to the Youth Directorship is total as is her nearly weekly contributions to the local newspaper on our behalf. The publicity for Rotary we have received through Laurelle is priceless.

I also wish to say thanks to Sam. Sam's early introduction to Rotary was in the mid 50's when her Father was asked as a Past President to help Charter the Rotary Club of Broken Hill, and since my joining Rotary in 1975, she has supported me totally, including the home hosting of a World President, RI Directors, GSE Students, Youth Exchange, District Governors and Rotarians, and attended District meetings and Conferences with me, which have all been wonderful experiences. My time in Rotary would not have been as fulfilling as it has been without her support. Her contribution to Rotary over time has been immense.

I had a memorable year. Thanks to all members for your personal help throughout the year, and I wish President Jack and the Board a great year ahead.

Ted Bladwell
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THE FUNNY SIDE – THANKS TO TONY FAHEY

In order to assist people who not familiar with the game of Cricket, we offer this explanation

Cricket is a game in which there are 2 sides - one out on the field, and the other in. Each man in the side that is in goes out, and when he is out he comes in, then the next man goes out until he's out and then he comes in. When the side that is in is all out, the side that has been out goes in, and the side that was in goes out and tries to get out the side that went in. Sometimes there are men still in and not out when the side that is in is finally out. When both sides have been in and out, including those not out and no longer in - that is the end of the game

Today I attempted to explain to my class what a mobile library is. "If something is mobile, it means that it can move around, and not just be in one place, such as a mobile phone," I hinted, "so, what might a mobile library be?"

One little fellow put up his hand with a big grin. "It's a library full of phones!" he declared.



The crew at Pam's Christmas in July dinner!